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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 49th and 58th meetings, on 10 May and 27 June 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.49 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/682);

(b) Progress report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/61/819);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852/Add.5).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.66

4. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" (A/C.5/61/L.66),

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submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.66 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1610 (2005) of 30 June 2005, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 31 December 2005,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 59/14 B of 22 June 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 31 March 2007, including the credits in the amount of 43.5 million United States dollars;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;[1]

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 141,519,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in its

[1] A/61/682.

[2] A/61/852/Add.5.

resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 141,519,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

6. *Decides further* that the decrease of 378,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 141,519,600 dollars referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above;

Disposition of assets of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

7. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of the assets of the Mission;[3]

8. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

[3] A/61/819.